



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

JFYNetWorks, Boston, MA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. The brownfields job training grants provide residents of communities impacted by brownfields with the skills and training needed to effectively gain employment in assessment and cleanup activities associated with brownfield redevelopment and environmental remediation. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

JFYNetWorks was selected to receive a job training grant. The training program will target residents of Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Everett, and Somerville (combined population 852,343) in east central Massa-



Job Training Grant

\$141,764 □

EPA has selected JFYNetWorks for a job training grant. JFYNetWorks plans to train up to 60 residents, place a minimum of 39 graduates in environmental jobs, and track graduates for at least one year. JFYNetWorks, in partnership with two local universities (Suffolk University and UMass-Lowell) and the environmental industry, will conduct the training at JFYNetWorks' facility in Boston's Empowerment Zone. Four training cycles, each with 267 hours of classroom and field work, will include instruction on handling and removing hazardous substances, sampling, analysis, site remediation, and emergency and disaster response. Graduates will receive HAZWOPER certificates and state-approved training in confined space entry, asbestos and mold abatement, and emergency/disaster response. Students will be recruited from among unemployed or underemployed residents of Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Everett, and Somerville. JFYNetWorks, which has several environmental employers on its program advisory board, will assist with job placement.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

chusetts. These older, formerly industrial communities have numerous brownfields, high poverty and unemployment rates, and low per capita incomes. Special emphasis will be placed on recruiting unemployed residents of Boston's Empowerment Zone, which is located in an area that is riddled with brownfields. Poverty rates in these five communities range from 12 to 23 percent compared to the nine percent state average, and unemployment averages 6.1 percent compared to the state average of 4.2 percent. Because the training program is market driven, JFYNetWorks regularly collects labor market information. The high number of brownfields in these communities is fueling a robust environmental services industry.